

## NUMBER XIII.

## IOWA RIVER.

**MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION** asking Congress to Declare the Iowa River Unnavigable from the City of Wapello, in Louisa County, North.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :*

YOUR MEMORIALISTS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA, WOULD RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT:—That at an early period of the territory which composes the State of Iowa, the Congress of the United States declared the Iowa river, in said State, to be a navigable stream; that if parties were allowed to bridge, or throw dams across said river, the community would receive much more benefit by reason of such improvements, than they now do: therefore,

*Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their influence to have Congress, by an act, declare the Iowa river not a navigable stream from Wapello, in Louisa county, north.

*Resolved,* That a copy of this memorial and resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved April 2, 1868.

## NUMBER XIV.

## CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

**JOINT RESOLUTION** Instructing Attorney - General as to Proceedings touching Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Iowa did, on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1868, pass an act entitled "A bill for an act providing for and requiring the early construction of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad from Davenport to Council Bluffs," which was approved by the Governor on the 11th day of said month; and has taken effect by the publication thereof, as by its terms provided; and

WHEREAS, Said act has been duly accepted by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company, in the manner required by the provisions thereof; and

WHEREAS, Said act and the acceptance thereof constitutes a contract between the said company and the State of Iowa which should be faithfully and promptly performed by the parties thereto; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has reason to apprehend that certain officers or stockholders of said company, or other persons, may attempt to control said company, or corporation, to prevent a prompt performance on its part of said contract, or by vexatious litigation hinder or delay said performance: therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Attorney-General of said State is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to institute and prosecute, in the name of the State of Iowa, such suits and proceedings against said company, its officers, or any other person or persons, as in his judgment may be necessary to secure or enforce, on the part of said company, a prompt performance of and compliance with the requirements and provisions of said act, and that said Attorney-General is also authorized, empowered and instructed to intervene in and defend in the name of the State of Iowa, or take such other steps as he may deem necessary and proper in any suits or proceedings instituted by the said company, its officers, or any of its stockholders, in the courts of this or any other State, or of the United States, when in his opinion such suits are or have been instituted for the purpose of preventing or delaying, on the part of said company, a performance of or compliance with the requirements or provisions of said act, or to in otherwise delay or prevent the completion of the railroad of said company from Des Moines to Council Bluffs, as required by the terms of said act; and all costs and expenses attending such suits and proceedings shall be paid by said corporation.

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## NUMBER XV.

### RATIFYING AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTION.

JOINT RESOLUTION, Ratifying the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in Regard to Representation, Reconstruction and the National Debt.

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United has proposed to the several States the following amendment to the Federal Constitution, viz: